

SU 1 204 193 A discloses an obturator for closing off bronchio-pleural fistulas after pneumectomy treatment. The obturator has a truncated cone shape with an opening at the end of the obverse side. A bulb-headed probe is introduced into the opening on the obverse side with the aid of which the obturator is introduced into the fistula opening after its surface and the walls of the fistula have been provided with medical glue. With the aid of the glue, the obturator is fastened to the wall of the fistula and the bulb-headed probe is subsequently removed again.

DE 26 37 119 A1 proposes an inflatable balloon as a closure device for closing off blood vessels or fistulas after surgical intervention, it being possible to guide the balloon into the vessel in question, to inflate it and to leave it there. After positioning and inflating the balloon, a hose pipe is separated from the balloon for inflating the latter and pulled out of the body.

The Publication WO89/11301 describes a somewhat sponge-like closure device for closing off punctures or incisions after vessel operations, particularly in blood vessels. The closure device is inserted into the blood vessel with the aid of a sleeve which for example has already been used for a catheter, and is pulled through the passage from inside. For pulling it in a thread is available which is pulled outwards and fastened and whose material decomposes after a certain period of time in the body.

The object of the invention is to create a treatment device for clearing up fistulas with which fistulas can be treated as sparingly as possible and where the functions of the adjacent anatomical structures remain as intact as possible.

This object is achieved according to the present invention with a fistula blocker for clearing up a fistula passage with a plug-like closure device which can be at least partially inserted into a fistula passage, and which has a bearing surface

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which at least to some extent along its circumference can be brought into contact with the wall of the fistula passage perpendicular to the direction of insertion, and in which case the closure device is provided with a flexible application string insertable into the fistula passage, the string being formed as a drainage pipe.

This fistula blocker makes possible a substantial improvement of operating techniques. After the fistula has been probed, the fistula blocker can be inserted into the opening of the fistula passage and positioned as deeply as required. With the aid of the closure device the fistula passage ... on one side

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